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SHORTAGE OF CABLE IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of telephone cable for underground cable work in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of cable works held up in different districts of Gujarat;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation; and

(e) the time by which laying of cables is likely to be completed in Gujarat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) There was some shortage of under ground cable in Gujarat Telecom circle with respect to the Switching Capacity added during 2002-03, but the work of releasing New Telephone Connection was not held up.

(b) The shortage of cable for 2002-03 was 8.7 Lakh conductor kilometer (LCKM) with respect to switching capacity for which orders have already been placed.

(c) Cables were received during January to March, 2003. The cable laying works are in progress in various SSAs and now work is not held up for want of cable in Gujarat Telecom circle.

(d) As on 1.4.2003, 8,465 LCKM Cable was available in stock and 8.7 LCKM Cable is in pipe line.

(e) The Delivery Schedule for supply of cable is up to August, 2003 and the cable laying work is likely to be completed by December, 2003.